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I am opposed to the current line of thinking with the settlement. While I agree it is time consuming and expensive process to bring things to a conclusion, I think that with the high-level of involvement computers have in every business in the country, we are running a serious risk of falling even further behind other countries who are finding themselves more free to use other, more appropriate platforms and applications. Many U.S. businesses are being cornered into a set of products that is often inferior -especially in terms of security- to those used by our european and asian counterparts. In the long run, we will lose the one thing that has kept our trade in check with countries that have less expensive labor: our superior management skills.

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